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For: WATER-ABSORBING AGENT AND

PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND

WATER-ABSORBENT STRUCTURE

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the disclosures attached and listed on completed Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application.

The enclosed documents were cited in Applicants' corresponding EPO application, and a copy of the Communication from the European Patent Office dated March 31, 2004 is enclosed.

Applicants are enclosing copies of WO 95/22358 and WO 95/22355 only. The remaining documents cited in the March 31, 2004 Communication from the European Patent Office were previously submitted to the Patent Office.

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Statement, it is believed that no fee is required for consideration of these patents. However,

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